

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A tool for use in a method of laying floor tiles, the tool including a raised hand or foot grip or step region mounted on a plurality of legs splayed outwardly and downwardly relative to the hand or foot grip or step region to thereby form a hand or foot rest raised to a working height above a floor or the like surface on which the legs are resting.

Claim 2(original): A tool as claimed in claim 1 wherein the grip or step region is raised about 100mm above the level of the bottom of the legs.

Claim 3(currently amended): A tool as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the grip or step region is raised on three, four or more legs.

Claim 4(currently amended): A tool as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the raised hand or foot grip or step region is constructed from a length of box or rectangular section metal.

Claim 5(currently amended): A tool as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the legs are constructed from a length of pipe, tube or rod.

Claim 6(original): A tool as claimed in claim 5 wherein the legs are inverted U or V shaped in side elevation.

Claim 7(currently amended): A method of laying tiles using the tool as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein the tool is placed in laid adhesive on an area to be tiled so a tiler can walk, stand or rest his or her hand or foot on the grip or step region to thereby make the tiler's task easier.

Claim 8(original): A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein a tiler can step in and over laid tiles and/or adhesive by using one or more of the tile spider tool(s) to effect more work while supporting themselves by hand or foot.

Claim 9(currently amended): A method of laying tiles using the tool as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein the tool is placed on a dry tile or adhesive free area so a tiler can walk, stand or rest his or her hand or foot on the grip or step region to thereby make the tiler's task easier.

Claim 10(currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 7 to 9~~ claim 7 wherein the tool is used as an island platform to work from into otherwise unreachable prepared areas.

Claim 11(original): A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the use of more than one tile spider allows the tiler to walk into a prepared area and allows the tiler to maintain a straight back and even shoulders while extending into and over a work area.